

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the official action that issued in the application on October 6, 2008. The claim amendments included herein are merely clarifying amendments and are not meant to change the intended scope of the claims. Thus, the amendments present the rejected claims in better form for consideration on appeal, and they should be entered in due course. Moreover, the amendments are manifest, requiring only a cursory review by the Examiner, thereby providing additional ground for their entry.

Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, 26, and 29-34 were pending in the application. In the official action, claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, 26, and 29-34 were rejected. In this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 26, and 34 have been amended. Claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, 26, and 29-34 thus remain for consideration.

Applicants submit that claims 1, 4-8, 11-15, 26, and 29-34 are in condition for allowance and request withdrawal of the rejections in light of the following remarks.

§102 and §103 Rejections

Claims 1, 5-8, 11-14, 26, 29-32, and 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Patsiokas (U.S. Patent No. 7,010,263).

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patsiokas in view of Benyamin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,721,489).

Claims 15 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patsiokas.

Applicants submit that the independent claims (claims 1, 8, 26, and 34) are patentable over Patsiokas and Benyamin (collectively "the cited references").

Applicants' invention as recited in the independent claims is directed toward information processing. Each of the

claims recites the use of a "preset key representing text." Supporting disclosure for the quoted recitation can be found in the specification at, for example, page 16, line 15 - page 17, line 17.

None of the cited references discloses the quoted recitation. Accordingly, Applicants believe that claims 1, 8, 26, and 34 are patentable over the cited references - taken either individually or in combination - on at least this basis.

Further, since dependent claims inherit the limitations of their respective base claims, Applicants believe that dependent claims 4-7, 11-15, and 29-33 are patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons discussed in connection with the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of the claims now pending in the application are in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (908) 654-5000.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with the above-identified application to Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

The Examiner's consideration of this matter is gratefully acknowledged.

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